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ties.

The Berlin Tageblatt prints a dispatch from Rome quoting an unnamed diplomatic representative of a great power in the Orient, who, in referring to the alleged outrages perpetrated upon the defenseless Turks of the Balkan States, says: "The number of those massacred is estimated at 240,000, and I consider that this number is not too high."

Aviators Ingledes and Macdonald were drowned in the Thames river near Gravesend, England, yesterday. The aeroplane pinned them beneath it when it fell into the water and they died before help could reach them. As the aeroplane struck the water the motor exploded and the two aviators were too stunned to make any effort to save themselves.

MRS. LARAMORE TELLS TROUBLES

Lady in Goodwater Describes Her Distressing Experience and Tells How She Was Finally Relieved.

Goodwater, Mo.—"Ever since I was a little girl," says Mrs. Riley Laramore, "I was a great sufferer from dyspepsia. I suffered misery after eating, and had terrible heartburn."

I thought I had to suffer this way as long as I lived, but when I began to take Dr. Williams' Black-Draught, in small doses, every night, the heartburn was all gone in a few days, and I could eat without distress.

I took two small packages in all, and although that was some time ago, the dyspepsia has not returned.

I speak a good word for Dr. Williams' Black-Draught whenever I have the opportunity.

If eating causes distress, we urge you to try Dr. Williams' Black-Draught. It cleanses the system, helps the stomach to digest its food, regulates the bowels, and stimulates the liver.

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Should Convince Every Alexandria Reader.

The frank statement of a neighbor telling the merits of a remedy bids you pause and believe. The same endorsements by some stranger far away commands no belief at all. Here's an Alexandria case. An Alexandria citizen testifies. Read and be convinced.

Mrs. G. W. Davis, 107 Prince St., Alexandria, Va., says: "I owe my health to Doan's Kidney Pills. I have used them frequently during the past seven years and they have often brought me relief after everything else had failed. The doctors treated me for a long while and said my case was a severe one. I had undergone tortures from the complaint and often I was worn out. When I had almost given up hope, I took Doan's Kidney Pills. They have strengthened me and corrected the kidney trouble."

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POWERS SAY DRUM MUST GO

Will Be Cut Out of Necessary Article of Military Equipment by European Nations.

It was some time ago that, acting upon the recommendations embodied in a report by a military commission, the French government reached the conclusion that the drum was no longer a necessary article of military equipment. The report set forth that the drum was a serious incumbrance in marching; that rain impaired its usefulness; that its calls could not be distinguished in time of battle; that it consumed a period of two years to turn out an efficient drummer, and that by abandoning the use of the drum many thousands of youths and men would be released for active service.

Since the decision of the French government other European powers have followed its example in decreeing that the "drum must go."

The history of the drum is both ancient and honorable. The Egyptians employed it, and the Greeks ascribed its invention to Bacchus. The Spanish conqueror Pizarro is said to have found drums in South America temples. The snakes of Ireland, we are told, fled from the Emerald Isle before the drum beats of St. Patrick. The Puritans of New England used the drum as a church bell, and it figured frequently and romantically all through our wars of the Revolution and the Civil war.

BIRD THAT KEEPS A SLAVE

Frigate-Bird Forces the Booby-Bird to Supply Fish for His Dinner.

The booby-bird never leaves the broad seas, where his harsh cry is heard from the Hebrides to the Faroes and from the cliffs of Scotland to the coast of Norway. He revels in the storms and screams above the roar of the sea. The booby has green feet, yellow eyes, and a defiant head covered with a yellow cap. Each of its wings is three feet long and its beak is so stiff and so strong that it fears no enemy but the frigate-bird. The frigate-bird is the terror of the birds of the sea, though he ignores all but the booby. Owing to the breadth of his wings, the frigate cannot fly; he is forced to remain in the air. But as he cannot get fish in the air, and as he requires fish for his nourishment, he presses the booby into his service. When hungry he swoops down upon the booby and gives it a vigorous thrust in its throat. Then the booby's mouth opens and the fish caught in it drops out. The frigate has only to give one peck at the booby's throat to get his dinner. It happens occasionally that the booby attacked by the frigate has nothing in its mouth. When the frigate pecks in vain, he belabors his slave with his beak and drives him, bruised and terrified, into the sea to catch fish.

Life Without Microbes.

The oft-debated question as to whether there can be life without microbes is held to have been solved by M. Michel Cohendy of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, who has reared live chickens in an enclosed space which was quite free from microbes. By the use of an ingenious apparatus for hatching the chickens and then raising them for a certain time, he was able to produce animals which did not contain any microbes, and they were able to live, and appeared to be as healthy as usual. His apparatus served in the first place as an incubator for hatching the eggs and then as a chamber where the chickens are able to live as long as may be desired. M. Cohendy kept the chickens in his apparatus for 45 days, and the contents of their digestive organs, blood and so on, were found to be free from microbes. Those that were kept alive did not seem to suffer at all from being transferred to the germ-laden atmosphere, for they grew up successfully.

Machine to Write Music.

A German musician has invented a machine which, he states, automatically registers the notes emitted by the piano. The new machine has the same object as one invented by an Italian and used by Mascagni in writing his operas, but it is a larger instrument and is operated by electricity. Into the machine is inserted a roll of paper, and the composer seats himself before the piano and executes the composition that he desires to give to the public. The machine faithfully registers every note produced, so that the musician does not have to depend upon his memory. —Harper's Weekly.

Herons Most Affectionate Birds.

Of all the birds he had studied, said W. Farren in a lecture at the Royal Photographic Society's exhibition, (London, England), none showed conjugal affection in quite the same way as the brown backed herons of Andalusia in Spain. Whenever the husband relieved his wife at the nest he invariably laid his neck over hers in a momentary embrace and then took up his position while the other bird flew away. The herons never omitted this affectionate salutation.

St. Petersburg's Growth.

That St. Petersburg is rapidly growing in population is evidenced by the census taken in December, 1910, which showed the population, including certain suburban villages formerly not covered, to be 1,907,708. It is presently an "office town," and also a resort for six or eight months of the year.

RISKED LIFE FOR SEEDS

Man Responsible for Starting Rubber Industry in India Now Living on Pension.

Living on a pension in London is W. H. Wickham, the man responsible for the introduction of rubber trees in India at the risk of his life. He is said to have received from the promoters of the enterprise \$5,000 in cash, the remainder being put out at interest to furnish him with a life income. The agricultural department of East India, which was approached on the subject, took kindly to it, and sent Wickham to gather the seed of the Para rubber tree in Brazil. Wickham lived in the jungles with the natives and won their confidence. Slowly he collected seeds until he had 75,000 of them. He put them in bags and smuggled them aboard a ship, which was short of cargo and funds. The government of India stood all the costs. The seeds were cultivated in the hothouses of Kew Gardens. Some 2,000 Para plants developed, and these were sent to Ceylon for cultivation. That was the beginning of the rubber growing industry in India, and now millions of dollars are made annually from the rubber plantations in Ceylon, Malaya and other East Indian provinces. From Wickham's seeds much purer rubber was grown than Brazil had ever seen. He ran the risk of a long term in prison, for a Brazilian law prohibited the removal of the seeds from the country.

TAXICAB SERVICE IN PANAMA

Will Run on Regular Schedule Between Colon and Panama and Carry Mail.

Consul General Snyder of Panama learns from the local press that a concession has been granted to Francisco Arias, Sr., for establishing a taxicab automobile service on a regular schedule in the cities of Panama and Colon and neighborhood where the condition of the highways permits. The vehicles must carry mail matter from government post offices along the route and give free transport to policemen. Automobiles to accommodate eight persons are also to be operated. At least six automobiles must be in service within a year, this number to be increased until, at the expiration of three years, not less than twenty-five are in service. Mr. Arias is also authorized to establish a motor truck freight service.

Europe's Largest Grapevine.

What is said to be the largest grapevine in Europe is to be seen in the great conservatory of Lord Breadalbane, at Killin, Loch Tay, Scotland. Planted in 1822 in a madest conservatory measuring only fifteen feet, its glass house has now grown to large proportions, the outer branches being some eighty feet of the main stem, and both vine and its little crystal palace are still adding to their inches, the latter having been extended twenty-eight years ago. The 1912 yield numbered 2,075 bunches, but it was thought best to allow only 500 of them to mature. They have a delicious flavor and are of the Black Hamburg variety.

Hit by His Own Law.

There are worse perils than wild animals in Central Africa, says one who has just returned. Among the natives there are terrible diseases. Some of them are lepers; and sleeping sickness has laid a hold on many of the villages. In one village the local chief had given orders that all suffering from the sickness were to be taken out into the bush and left there, but the people had carried out so many of their relations that they refused to take any more. A few days later the medicine man of the tribe diagnosed that the chief himself had the disease, and immediately the ruler cancelled his law so that he could be kept in his own hut.

Balkan Ballads Are Long.

In the Balkan countries the ballad makers have certainly been at least as important as the makers of laws. Serbia's national ballads, commemorating the glories of the Serbian Emperor Dushan, the fatal battle of Kosovo, and the legendary exploits of the hero Marko Kraljevic and his horse Sharrats, are of Homeric proportions, and, sung to the accompaniment of a guitar with cords of horsehair tails, have kept national feeling warm for centuries. In recent years the Serbian government published a popular edition. In Macedonia, Sir Charles Eliot heard a schoolboy recite a Bulgarian poem which took an hour and a quarter.

Troubles With Sun Dials.

Sun dials are picturesque objects, but when exactitude is required, they are scientific exasperations, they are difficult things to adjust. Columbia University is having trouble with a sun dial consisting of a great brass plate on which rests a granite ball seven feet in diameter. When the ball was completed it was found to be a little too small, and now the brass plate on which it rests has to be engraved all over again to fit the ball's dimensions.

Princeton's Wonder.

In Princeton they have a sun dial that is a reproduction of an ancient one of an English university whose trustees presented the dial to Old Nassau. It is so carefully and wonderfully marked with lines that Dean Fine once exclaimed to a visitor there were only three professors in Princeton who could tell the time by it, and that they would do so only three days in the year, and then the dial would be wrong.

WHY THE TRAIN WAS LATE

Didn't Have the Time to Interfere—He Guessed He Did Every-thing.

If the railway guard who held his train half a minute beyond schedule time should be recommended at headquarters a hundred passengers who know why he did it will sign a petition for his pardon. Sentiment was back of it. Somebody wanted to kiss a lot of people who want to do that. Women kiss each other, men kiss their wives. The guards have no patience with sentiment of that kind. They flaunt their contempt by bawling, "Break away there; no time for that!" and refuse to hold the train half a second for the tenderest salute.

But this case was different. It was easy to see how it was. A mother was giving her child away. The little fellow was in good hands. The couple who had adopted him were wholesome, kindly people; the mother was wretchedly poor. No doubt it was best all around to give him away. She and the boy stood the parting like majesties up to the last minute, then the baby broke down.

"Mom—mom—mom," he blubbered from the car platform.

Before the guard could close the door or give the signal she had reached through the crowd and had snatched him from the man's arms.

"I can't, I can't," she said.

And then the kissing began. The guard didn't even try to say "Break away!" He gulped; so did everybody else. Presently the woman handed the boy back, and the train started on amid the deepest silence that had ever hung over that subway station.

First "Lightning Catcher."

Nearly everybody believes that Benjamin Franklin was the inventor and constructor of the first lightning-rod. In this particular they are mistaken, as the first lightning catcher was invented by a poor monk of Bohemia, who put the first lightning-rod on the palace of the curator of Preditz, Moravia, June 15, 1754. The apparatus was composed of a pole surmounted by an iron rod, supporting twelve curved branches and terminating in as many metallic boxes filled with iron ore. The entire system of wires was united to the earth by a large chain. The enemies of the inventor, jealous of his success, excited the peasants of the locality against him, and under the pretext that his lightning-rod was the cause of the excessive dry weather, had the rod taken down and the inventor imprisoned.

Serbs Are a Peasant People.

The inhabitants of the Balkan provinces are not the warlike, ferocious people that popular imagination in this country is apt to picture them. The Servians, for example, are a genuine simple peasant folk, whose home life might be copied with advantage by the populations living under the rule of the great powers of Europe. The Servian practices the art of co-operation, while civilized people are learning its elements. Every little homestead in Serbia is a family commune, while in some of the mountain districts exists the zadruga, or communal village, where everything is held in common, and where the oldest man is the guide and commander and final authority as to the mating of the people in his district.

Founded Sect in Japan.

A forerunner of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has been discovered. She was a Japanese woman who, long before Christian Science was heard of, founded in the Island Empire a very similar cult. According to a writer in the London Chronicle, about 4,000 inhabitants of Japan are believers in this system, which they call "Tenrikyo" and the "medical religion." Few in England or America had heard of this religion until, not long ago, four missionaries from Japan settled for a time in London, talked of their faith to some whom they met, and, departing, left behind them a little book written in English but printed in Osaka.

Starting a Missouri Train.

A drummer and a friend climbed aboard a ramshackle train in an isolated Missouri town. The train was a feeble, asthmatic piece of mechanism and the humane society should have prosecuted its owners for allowing it to run at all.

It finally came to a dead stop just on the edge of the town and after a long interval of trying to make it go the engineer stuck his head in the door and bawled:

"Say, you two gents'll have to get out till I get it started!"—Kansas City Star.

Working for the Boss Easy.

A man complains of being worked to death since he went into business for himself. Now all he can think about is getting down early and keeping on the job until everybody else goes, not even taking time out for luncheon. He had it easy when working for the boss, because he had regular hours for starting in and leaving off, and at luncheon took an hour and a half or two hours out in the fresh air looking around, shopping or calling on friends.

Don't Sleep in Outways.

A fat man got aboard the cars and squeezed into an empty seat next to a sleepy man wearing a long-tailed outway. Then in a few minutes the drowsy man opened his eyes, looked out of the window and saw the cars were stopping at his station, so he up with a jump and just about tore off the half of the skirt of his outway on which the fat man was sitting.



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8:47 A. M.—Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations. Buffet parlor car.

9:07 A. M.—Daily U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points south to which scheduled to stop. First class coaches; sleeping cars to Birmingham and New Orleans. Dining car service. Stops at Culpeper to let off Warrenton branch passengers.

11:17 A. M.—Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville and Greensboro. Sleeping cars from Greensboro to Atlanta.

4:57 P. M.—Week days—Limited for Warrenton, Charlottesville and Harrisonburg.

4:52 A. M.—Daily—Birmingham Special. Sleeping cars between New York, Atlanta, Columbus, Anniston, Birmingham. Through first class coaches between Washington, Atlanta and Birmingham. Dining car service. Tourist to California five times weekly.

3:52 P. M.—Week days. Limited for Harrisonburg and way stations on Manassas branch, also for Warrenton. Pullman buffet parlor cars.

6:12 P. M.—Daily—Local for Warrenton.

6:12 P. M.—The Southern's Southeastern Limited for Asheville, Columbia, Charleston, Aiken, Augusta, Savannah and Jacksonville. Through Pullman Drawing Room, Sleeping cars, Coach, Dining cars.

10:27 P. M.—Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (via Lynchburg) First class coach and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville and Chattanooga. Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke. Dining car service.

11:02 P. M.—Daily—New York, Atlanta and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and observation car to New Orleans. Sleeping cars to Asheville, Atlanta, Macon and New Orleans. Sleeping cars to Charlotte.

Dining car service.

4:52 P. M.—Daily—Memphis special. Sleeping car and coaches for Roanoke, Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Memphis. Dining car service. Washington sleeping cars open 10 P. M.

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